



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA TITLE: Presentation Regarding Youth Energy Summit (EUD)

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2009

PREPARED BY Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation by Electric Utility Department staff.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In January, Lodi Electric Utility, in partnership with the California Energy Commission, LegiSchool-Sacramento State University, Roseville Electric Utility, and Sacramento Municipal Utility District, sponsored the first-ever Youth Energy Summit or Y.E.S. The event introduced high school juniors and seniors to energy innovations, legislation regarding renewable and sustainable energy, careers in the utility and "green" profession, alternative-fueled vehicles, and much more during a two-day training session in Sacramento.

Once the students and their team mentors completed the two-day training session, they returned to their respective communities (Lodi, Roseville and Sacramento city/county area) and developed a "community service learning project." The teams of students and their adult mentors then returned to the grounds of the State Capitol on Earth Day (April 22), and presented their service learning project to a panel of judges from the California Energy Commission. A total of 12 teams of students participated in the Earth Day contest, all vying for college scholarships, ranging from \$200 per team member to \$1000 per team member (a total of five teams received various scholarship funds, with a combined \$10,950 in scholarship monies distributed on Earth Day after the judging was completed).

Two Lodi area high schools formed teams and participated in this year's Y.E.S.: Jim Elliot Christian High School and Lodi High School. Lodi High's team captured fourth place in the event, earning each of the team members \$300 scholarship, while Jim Elliot Christian High School's team received an Honorable Mention.

Lodi Electric Utility wishes to recognize the local students who participated, and thank them for their dedication to California and America's energy future. Stephen Lechner and Elizabeth Thiesen represented Jim Elliot Christian High School and Jessie Kong, Jeanette Orta, Nathalie Rochert, and Luis Velazquez represented Lodi High School with adult mentor/teacher Dave Greulich.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: None.


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